## **IOWA OUTDOORS**

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## MOSQUITO PROBLEM? BRING ON THE BATS

DES MOINES – Iowa's booming mosquito population is welcome news to a certain furry, flying segment of the population. The little brown bat and, to a lesser extent, the big brown bat, find mosquitoes simply delicious.

"The little brown bat can eat up to 1,200 mosquito sized insects per hour," said Bruce Ehresman, a wildlife biologist with the DNR's wildlife diversity program. "A pregnant little brown bat will eat up to her body weight in mosquitoes and other flying insects per night. They will basically eat what is in their path."

Big brown bats will eat mosquitoes, but because they are larger, they tend to eat larger insects, such as beetles and moths.

Little and big brown bats are found in more established forested areas near water. Ehresman said it is difficult to attract bats to an area that does not have a bat population. He has had bat houses near his home and near the Boone Wildlife Research Station for a few years and neither has attracted any bats.

"Bat houses are very effective when used in combination with bat exclusion from homes or buildings, but I haven't had much success drawing bats to a new area," Ehresman said.

Bats have the unfortunate reputation as a rabies carrier. Ehresman said more people are at risk of getting rabies from their unvaccinated family pet than from a bat. He said that, according to Bat Conservation International, less than one-half of one percent of bats carry rabies.

Little brown bats are born in June, usually one to a litter, and can fly at three weeks of age. By two months they are migrating and females can reproduce at eight months. Little brown bats can live a long life. A wing-banded little brown bat was found at the Manchester Fish Hatchery that was 23 years old.

Bat populations are declining internationally and nationally Ehresman said. There is not a bat population estimate for Iowa, but he said that the little brown bat and big brown bat are probably fairly stable since they both can live in buildings, and the big brown bat often over winters in older homes.

For more information, contact Ehresman at 515-432-2823.

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### FISH FREE JUNE 6 to 8

DES MOINES – Free fishing days in Iowa is June 6 to 8 and the DNR is encouraging all Iowans to get in touch with the outdoors. Free fishing days is for Iowa residents. Iowa citizens are not required to have a fishing license during free fishing days but all other laws and regulations remain in effect.

"It is a great opportunity for family and friends to learn about fishing because there are a lot of great events and free fishing clinics going on during free fishing days," said Barb Gigar, aquatic education coordinator for the DNR. "We have pretty good access to fishing everywhere in Iowa and this gives people the chance to get out and enjoy it without buying a license."

Free fishing days draws attention to fishing as a recreation activity and to Iowa's fishery resource. An Iowa Fishing Guide and fishing regulations are available free at all DNR fisheries offices.

"We are encouraging licensed anglers to take a friend or neighbor or relative fishing and expose them to how fun fishing can be. It is an activity that can last a lifetime," said Marion Conover, chief of the DNR's fisheries bureau. "We feel strongly that people who participate in natural resource outdoor activities are more closely identified with the issues and concerns of the environment."

You don't need a group of people or expensive equipment to go fishing, said Gigar. It is something people can do away from computers, television and cell phones.

"We hope these free fishing days can get young people in touch with the outdoors," Gigar said.

If interested in fishing contact your local county conservation boards or recreation office and ask about their free fishing clinic. This three-day period of free fishing has been set aside by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources in recognition of National Fishing Week, June 1-8. Iowa began having free fishing days in 1987.

For more information, contact Conover at 515-281-5208.

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## FISHING CLINICS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE

DES MOINES – A number of free fishing clinics are scheduled around Iowa during June. Activities vary at each clinic and may include fish identification, how to operate a reel, different ways to cast, knot tying, how to handle fish, bait presentations and different fish cleaning methods.

Call the clinic for more details.

June 5, Youth Fishing Clinic, Prairie Rose Lake, Harlan, 712-755-3104

June 5, Youth Fishing Clinic, East Okoboji Fish Hatchery, Spirit Lake, 712-338-4238

June 7, All Ages Fishing Clinic, F.W. Kent Park, Tiffin, 319-645-2315

June 7, Fishing Tournament, Annett Nature Center, Indianola, 515-961-6169 x 25

June 7, All Ages Fishing Clinic, Crawford Creek Lake, Battle Creek, 712-359-3300

June 7, All Ages Fishing Clinic, DeSoto Bend, Missouri Valley, 712-642-5411

June 7, Fishing Tournament, Raccoon River Park, West Des Moines, 515-222-3321

June 7, Fishing Tournament, Izaak Walton League, Ottumwa, 641-682-3091

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Twin Springs Pond, Decorah, 563-382-4158

June 7, Youth Fishing Tournament, Lake Pahoja, Larchwood, 712-472-2217

June 7, All Ages Fishing Clinic, Wapsipinicon State Park, Anamosa, 319-462-4311

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, East Okoboji, Spirit Lake, 712-338-4238

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Lake Iowa, Victor, 319-647-3738

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Miller Park, Grinnell, 641-236-7135

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Willow Lake, Woodbine, 712-647-2785

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Pioneer Park, Shenandoah, 712-542-3864

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Mill Creek State Park, Paullina, 712-448-2254

June 7, Fishing Tournament, Beeds Lake State Park, Hampton, 641-456-4375

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Gustafson Lake, Sioux Rapids, 712-749-2563

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Marr Park, Ainsworth, 319-653-7765

June 7, Fishing Tournament, Gahn Wildlife Refuge, West Burlington, 319-753-5808

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Lake Hendricks, Riceville, 563-547-3634

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Sandy Hollow, Sioux Center, 712-552-3057

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Eldred Sherwood Park, Goodell, 641-923-2720

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Maquoketa River, Dundee, 563-933-4417

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Lake Anita State Park, Anita, 712-762-3564

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Pinicon Ridge Park, Central City, 319-892-6485

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Fontana Park, Independence, 319-636-2617

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Airport Lake Park, New Hampton, 641-394-4714

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Arrowhead County Park, Neola, 712-545-3283

June 7, Fishing Tournament, Swan Lake State Park, Carroll, 712-792-4614

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Heritage Pond, Dubuque, 563-556-6745

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, McGowen Recreation and Wildlife Area, Bloomfield, 641-664-2572

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Andrew Jackson Demonstration Farm, Andrew, 563-652-3783

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, Ikes Club House Lake, Newton, 641-792-0348

June 7, Youth Fishing Clinic, West Lake Park, Davenport, 563-328-3281

June 8, Fishing Tournament, Wilder's Park, Allison, 319-267-2742

June 8, All Ages Fishing Clinic, Glissman Area, Adel, 515-202-2552

June 8, All Ages Fishing Clinic, Pin Oak Marsh, Chariton, 641-774-2438

June 8, Fishing Tournament, East Park, Mason City, 641-421-3673

June 8, Youth Fishing Clinic, Water Works Park, Fairfield, 641-472-8460

June 8, All Ages Fishing Clinic, Crawford Creek Recreation Area, Battle Creek, 712-359-3300

June 11, Day Camp, Willow Lake, Woodbine, 712-647-2785

June 15, Youth Fishing Clinic, Spring Lake Park, Jefferson, 515-386-5674

June 16, Day Camp, Lime Creek Nature Center, Mason City, 641-423-5309

June 19, Youth Fishing Tournament, Lake Malone, DeWitt, 563-847-7202

June 20, Youth Fishing Clinic, Elks Lodge Pond, Charles City, 641-756-3490

June 21, Youth Fishing Clinic, Snyder Bend Lake, Salix, 712-258-0838

June 21, Fishing Clinic, DNR fish hatchery, Spirit Lake, 888-287-7038 x22

June 23, Day Camp, Lime Creek Nature Center, Mason City, 641-423-5309

June 28, Youth Fishing Clinic, Jefferson County Park, Fairfield, 641-472-4166 x2

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## THE $9^{TH}$ IOWA PRAIRIE CONFERENCE - THE PRACTICAL PRAIRIE

The Iowa Prairie Conference, hosted by the Iowa Prairie Network with major funding from the Iowa Living Roadways Trust Fund of the Iowa Department of Transportation, will be held the weekend of July 12, at the Iowa State Center Scheman Building, at Iowa State University, in Ames.

The event has information for beginners and experts alike with speakers ranging from prairie practitioners to academic researchers. A Friday evening icebreaker, Saturday concurrent sessions, field trips, vendors, displays, an evening banquet and Sunday morning activities and field trips have been scheduled. Planned topics include prairie management, land protection, soils, fauna, and the benefits of urban prairies. Register early to ensure the field trip of your choice.

For additional information and registration forms, visit the Iowa Prairie Network website at <a href="https://www.iowaprairienetwork.org">www.iowaprairienetwork.org</a> or contact Inger Lamb at 515-963-7681 or 515-240-4358.

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## IOWA FISHING REPORT

# For the week of June 3, 2003 www.jowadnr.com

For current information on fishing conditions for your lake or area, contact the office in that district. Phone numbers are listed with each district report.

## **Southeast**

Lake Darling (Washington): The crappie spawn is over. People are still catching some nice crappies in shallow, but the bigger fish have moved out to the old creek channel. Bluegills are getting ready to spawn now. The lake should produce some nice 6 ½ to 7-inch bluegills this year. Catfish are also coming back in, this time to eat the bluegills. Try along the shoreline with a little less riprap to find the bluegills.

**Lake Geode** (Henry): Crappies are out deep after the spawn. Bluegills and redear sunfish are moving into the shallow water in preparation for the spawn. Slowly working a small 1/64-ounce jig tipped with a worm is catching fish.

**Lake Odessa** (Louisa): The lake level is now dropping. The Toolesboro road is still closed and will be for a while. The Sand Run boat ramp is under water. The Schafer ramp is still usable. Bluegills are in; the few people that are going out are catching some nice 7 to 8-inchers.

**Lake Rathbun** (Appanoose): Crappies have been biting on small jigs and minnows. Some sorting is required for larger fish, but anglers are catching good numbers. Walleyes have been hitting minnows, and jigs tipped with minnows. Channel catfish have started biting on liver.

**Lake Sugema** (Van Buren): Crappies have been hitting out from shore in 8 to 10 feet of water on minnows and small jigs. Largemouth bass have been hitting on artificial lures. Walleyes have been biting on minnows and jigs along the rocky shorelines.

**Lake Wapello** (Davis): Bluegills and crappies have been biting off shore in 6 to 10 feet of water. Small jigs and minnows fished around deeper structure have been productive. Largemouth bass have been hitting on artificial lures around submerged structure and downed tree limbs.

**Lake Keomah** (Mahaska): Bluegills have been hitting on small jigs. Largemouth bass have been hitting on a variety of artificial lures such as spinner baits and crankbaits.

**Coralville Reservoir** (Johnson): Catfishing has been fair on various baits; fish are in pre-spawn and are close to the rock walls. Crappie fishing has been slow; a few crappies are being caught around brush piles and rock walls throughout the reservoir.

**Lake Macbride** (Johnson): Crappie fishing has slowed; anglers continue to catch crappies around brush and near the causeway area on jigs and minnows.

**Pleasant Creek** (Linn): White bass and largemouth bass fishing is good to fair using artificial baits and leeches. An occasional walleye is being caught on jigs tipped with leeches.

**Wapsipinicon River** (Jones): Smallmouth bass fishing has been fair on artificial baits. Catfishing has been good on various baits throughout the river.

**Iowa River** (Johnson and Louisa): The river is down to near normal levels for this time of year. Catfishing is fair on minnows and night crawlers. Catfishing has been good to fair below the Coralville Reservoir and throughout the river.

**Skunk River** (Washington and Henry): Water levels are back to normal but the temperature is on the cool side for the best catfishing. Catfishing is fair on night crawlers and minnows. Carp are biting on dough balls and night crawlers below the Oakland Mills Dam. They are also still catching some white bass below the dam; twister tails tipped with minnows have always been my favorite for these guys.

**Cedar River** (Benton, Linn and Cedar): Catfishing has been fair below the Five and One Dam and throughout the river on various baits.

For more information on fishing in southeast Iowa, call the regional office in Brighton at 319-694-2430.

## **Northeast**

Mississippi River Pools 9-14: Pool 10 stage at Guttenberg is 610.3 and still dropping. Water temperature is at 67 degrees. Bluegill fishing continues to be excellent using worms in backwater vegetation, trees, or along rock structure in the shallows. Rock bass and freshwater drum fishing is also excellent. Joyce Lake and Mudhen Lake in the Harpers Ferry area, (Pool 10) and Mud Lake marina area (Pool 11) are good areas to try. Channel catfish are also biting on night crawlers and cut bait. Smallmouth bass are hitting crankbaits fished along riprapped channel areas and largemouth bass are biting in the backwaters. Shore Slough and Lansing Big Lake are areas to fish in **Pool 9**. Water levels in **Pools 12-15** continue to drop. With no additional rain, the river is forecasted to be at near normal levels in three to four days. In Pool 12 (Dubuque area) walleyes are being caught on jigs and minnows fished over flats. Freshwater drum are hitting on night crawlers around wing-dams and anglers are catching channel catfish on cheese baits in backwater sloughs. In Pool 13 (Sabula area) channel catfish can be caught along side channels in 5 to 6 feet of water with some current using cheese baits. Walleye are being caught off the bank and around boat docks using minnows in South Sabula Lake. Middle Sabula Lake anglers are catching channel catfish on worms and cheese baits, bluegills on red worms and wax worm, and crappies on small jigs. In **Pool 14**(Clinton area) anglers are catching walleyes on jigs or crankbaits fished on the flats, channel catfish on leeches and bobbers off rocks, and crappies and bluegills in the backwater areas. A 59-pound

flathead catfish was caught and released last week. The angler was using a bullhead for bait

**Cedar River** (Black Hawk, Floyd, and Mitchell): Channel catfish are biting on cut bait. Walleye fishing is fair on jig and minnow combinations.

**Shell Rock River and West Fork Cedar River** (Butler): Channel catfish are good on night crawlers or cut bait.

**Maquoketa River** (Delaware): Channel catfish are good on night crawlers, stink baits and large minnows. White bass (stripers) are good on jigs and twister tails below the Delhi Dam. Smallmouth bass fishing is good on spinner baits in the catch-and-release area below the Delhi Dam. An occasional walleye has been reported.

**Lake Delhi** (Delaware): Crappies are hitting jigs fished under a bobber in the quiet bays and coves. Bluegill fishing is good on worms.

**South Prairie Lake** (Black Hawk): Bluegills are good on small jigs tipped with a piece of night crawler.

**East Lake** (Black Hawk): Crappie and yellow bass fishing is fair using minnows fished under a slip bobber around brush piles.

**George Wyth Lake** (Black Hawk): Crappies are being caught fishing around woody structure with jigs and minnows.

Casey Lake (Tama): This Lake is good for bluegill in the shallow areas of the lake on small jigs tipped with a piece of night crawler.

**Lake Meyer** (Winneshiek): Crappie fishing is fair to good near the dam on jigs and minnows.

**Trout** fishing and stream conditions are excellent. For current trout stocking information, contact the Big Spring Hatchery at 563-245-1699, Decorah Hatchery at 563-382-3315 or Manchester Hatchery at 563-927-5736. You can also view the trout stocking calendar on-line by going to <a href="www.iowadnr.com">www.iowadnr.com</a>, clicking on **Fish and Fishing** and then choosing **Favorite Pages**.

For information on fishing in northeast Iowa, call the regional office in Manchester at 563-927-3276.

#### Northwest

**Spirit Lake** (Dickinson): Bullheads are being caught on night crawlers at the North Grade. Smallmouth bass are being caught off the rock piles on the east side of the lake. Try fishing Big Stoney Point for smallmouth. Walleye anglers are having success on all areas of the lake. The bigger fish are being caught in shallow water. Anglers are catching lots of walleyes from Jackson Point. Many sub-legal fish are also being caught so sorting is required. Remember the 14-inch minimum length limit for walleyes.

West Okoboji (Dickinson): Anglers are catching bluegills around boat docks and in the canals. The best bait is a small crappie jig tipped with a wiggler under a slip bobber. Anglers are catching some nice sized bullheads at Emerson Bay canals using a bobber and worm. Some largemouth bass are being caught in the canals.

**East Okoboji** (Dickinson): Bullheads are being caught at the north end. Some walleyes are being caught on a minnow or light twister tail at the Hwy. 9 Bridge. Anglers are picking up some bluegill and crappie at the footbridge. Some channel catfish are being caught at the Hwy. 9 Bridge.

Silver Lake (Dickinson): Walleyes are good trolling crankbaits.

**Lost Island Lake** (Clay and Palo Alto): Walleye are still biting, but anglers have to work for them. Nice fish are available for the persistent angler. The crappie bite is on!

**Silver Lake** (Palo Alto): Anglers are catching yellow perch and crappies. Good numbers of bullheads are biting at Silver Lake.

**Lake Pahoja** (Lyon): Anglers are catching decent sized channel catfish. Crappies are being caught using small jigs and or a small minnow.

Clear Lake (Cerro Gordo): Walleye fishing is fair. The water temperature is in the middle 60s. Walleye anglers drifting or trolling live bait rigs are catching a few fish. Trolling crankbaits in 6 to 12-feet of water is providing some walleye action. Remember the 14-inch minimum length limit on walleye. Yellow bass are nearing the end of their spawn. Fishing has become inconsistent. Some anglers are having good results and others are not. Small jigs and pieces of night crawler are working best. Fish the island, Dodges Point and the north shore bulrushes for the best action. Bullhead fishing is good. Use night crawlers on the windy shorelines.

**Briggs Woods** (Hamilton): Bluegills are biting on small pieces of night crawlers and small jigs.

Little Wall Lake (Hamilton): Bluegills are fair using small jigs and pieces of night crawlers.

**Eldred Sherwood** (Hancock): Bluegills are hitting small pieces of night crawlers and small jigs. Largemouth bass fishing is fair. Spinner baits and crankbaits are catching bass.

**Beeds Lake** (Franklin): Crappie fishing is good. Use a small tube jig and minnows around jetties and brush piles for the best results. Bluegills are hitting on small pieces of night crawler around the shoreline.

**Black Hawk Lake** (Sac): Fishing is excellent for 8 to 9-inch bullheads all over the lake. Walleye fishing is fair on leeches. Channel catfish fishing is fair to good using a variety of baits.

**Storm Lake** (Buena Vista): Walleye fishing is good. Anglers are catching fish drifting live bait and trolling crankbaits.

**North Twin Lake** Calhoun): Fishing is good for 10-inch crappies and for 8 to 10-inch bluegills.

**Brushy Creek** (Webster): Crappies are being caught along the rocks and around trees. Bass are being caught around structure throughout the lake. Most bass are under the 15-inch size limit. Walleye are being caught in the evenings with slip bobbers and a leech in 8 to 15 feet of water.

For more information on fishing in northwest Iowa, call the regional office in Spirit Lake at 712-336-1840.

#### Southwest

**Green Valley** (Union): Anglers are catching big crappies in the rocks, and in 5 to 8-feet of water. Bluegills are being caught on the spawning beds.

**Fogle Lake** (Ringgold): Bluegills are being caught on the spawning beds near the back of the bay area, on the west side of the lake. Crappies are being caught along the dam.

**Binder Lake** (Adams): Anglers are catching 8 to 11-inch crappies and yellow bass along the dam.

Loch Ayr (Ringgold): Anglers are catching 7 to 11-inch crappies along the dam. Three Mile (Union): Anglers are catching walleyes on the points in 5 to 8 feet of water, and over the fish mounds. Channel catfish are being caught at north end and in shallow bays on night crawlers and under or near the fish cleaning station. Fishing is good for crappies in 6 to 10 feet of water over rock areas. Largemouth bass fishing is good. Bluegills are being caught on the spawning beds at north end of lake.

**Twelve Mile** (Union): Channel catfish fishing is good at north end. Walleye fishing is good on the points. Crappies are moving into rocks and trees in deep shoreline areas on the west side of the lake. Anglers are catching lots of yellow bass. Largemouth bass fishing is good.

**Wilson Lake** (Taylor): Anglers are catching 10 to 12-inch crappies on the dam using black, slow moving jigs.

**Little River** (Decatur): Fishing is good for 7 to 10-inch crappies in the rocks and flooded trees. Walleye fishing is good. Bluegills are on the spawning beds.

**Slip Bluff** (Decatur): Bluegill can be caught on spawning beds at the east corner of the dam.

**West Lake Osceola** (Clarke): Bluegill and crappie fishing is good near shoreline. Largemouth bass fishing is good.

**Viking** (Montgomery): Crappie fishing is fair using tube jigs around brush piles. Bluegill fishing is excellent along shoreline. Look for spawning beds (look like elephant tracks) in 1 to 3 feet of water. Try using small jigs and/or night crawlers. Catfish fishing has been good on liver.

**Cold Springs** (Cass): Catfish are being caught on liver and prepared baits. Bluegill fishing is good using small jigs or night crawlers near shore.

**Manawa** (Pottawattamie): Bluegill fishing is good along shallows and lagoons on jigs and night crawlers. Anglers are picking up a few bullheads and channel catfish.

**Greenfield** (Adair): Fishing is good for 8-inch bluegills using jigs and/or night crawlers along shoreline.

**Orient** (Adair): Fishing is fair for channel catfish using liver or prepared baits. **Nodaway** (Adair): Bluegills are biting on jigs/night crawlers along the shore and around structure.

**Prairie Rose** (Shelby): Fishing is good for 8-inch crappies on jigs/minnows around rocks and woody structure. Channel catfish are being caught on liver. Bluegills are being caught on small jigs or a small piece of night crawler on a small hook suspended with a bobber along or near the shoreline. Bass fishing has been good.

Willow (Harrison): Largemouth bass fishing is good using a variety of baits.

**Big Creek Lake** (Polk): Crappie fishing has been excellent using jigs and/or jig/minnows combinations. Walleye fishing has been good using lead-headed jigs and minnows, although most walleye caught are below the 15-inch legal size limit. Bluegill fishing is also good, with the best action around rocky areas and near woody structure. Channel catfish fishing has been good. Largemouth bass has been good using top-water lures.

**Beaver Lake** (Dallas): Crappie fishing is good with the best areas around the woody structure along the shorelines. Largemouth bass fishing has also been good using a variety of lures.

**Don Williams** (Boone): Crappie fishing is excellent with the best fishing around woody structure in shallow water in the mornings and evenings. Most anglers are using white twister tails and some minnows. Channel catfish fishing is good using night crawlers in the north end of the lake. Largemouth bass fishing has been fair using topwater lures around shoreline structure.

**Lake Ahquabi** (Warren): Bluegill and redear fishing has been fair, with fish caught using night crawlers or wax worms. Crappies are being caught using crappie jigs and/or wax worms or worms. Largemouth bass – primarily sub-legalized fish – are being caught on crankbaits. A few channel catfish have been caught.

**Hooper Lake** (Warren): Bluegill and redear have been caught using traditional baits and lures. Some largemouth bass are being caught on crankbaits, although as in Lake Ahquabi, most fish are sub-legal sized.

**Rock Creek** (Jasper): Crappie fishing has been fair for boat anglers in deeper water using jigs and minnows. Most fish are in the 9 to 10-inch size. Channel catfish fishing has been good using night crawlers.

**Easter Lake** (Polk): Crappie fishing has been fair for anglers using jigs and minnows. Largemouth bass have been taken along the face of the dam using spinners and top-water lures. Channel catfish are being taken in the shallower areas using night crawlers and stink baits.

**Hickory Grove Lake** (Story): Crappie fishing is fair using jigs/minnows. Largemouth bass fishing has been good using top-water lures along the shorelines. Bluegill fishing has picked up using traditional small hooks and tipped with worms.

**Saylorville Lake** (Polk): Crappie fishing has been good using micro-jigs and wax worms, or bobbers and minnow combinations. White bass fishing using jigs has been good near the outlet to Big Creek. Tailwater: White bass fishing has been excellent below Saylorville using lead heads and twister tails. A few flathead catfish have been reported caught.

Lake Red Rock (Marion): Crappie fishing has been good with the best areas in the marina and in the Teeter Creek area. White bass fishing has been good in the Whitebreast area. Tailwater: Crappie and white bass/wiper fishing has been good in the tailwater from Lake Red Rock using jigs and/or minnows. A few larger walleye have also been caught.

**Roberts Creek** (Marion): Crappie fishing was excellent in the deeper water using jigs and jigs/minnows.

**Farm Ponds:** Bluegill fishing is good near shore on small jigs and night crawlers. Bass fishing is good using rubber worms and surface lures.

For more information on fishing in southwest Iowa, call the regional office in Lewis at 712-769-2587.